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Emergency Medication in School

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following changes to legislation regarding emergency medication in school we would like to make you aware of a couple of important changes.

Firstly, we are no longer allowed to administer an emergency inhaler to children without asthma in school even with parental consent; children with asthma can still use the emergency inhaler so long as consent has been obtained.

Another change to emergency medication in school is the use of Auto-Adrenaline Injectors (AAIs). All schools are now expected to stock "spare" AAIs in school for use in emergency situations, which we already do. However, we no longer have to obtain prior consent from parents/carers to administer these. Where a child is believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis, trained members of staff may administer a spare AAI in accordance with the school's emergency procedures. This is to ensure that treatment is not delayed.

The school will always make every reasonable effort to contact parents/carers as soon as possible following the administration of a spare AAI, and emergency medical assistance will be sought where appropriate.

If your child has a diagnosed allergy and has been prescribed their own AAI, please ensure that their medication is in school, is clearly labelled, is within its expiry date, and that the school has up-to-date information regarding their allergy and emergency treatment plan.

We will continue to hold Paracetamol/Calpol, non-drowsy antihistamine and sting and bite relief cream in school for emergency use.

We are kindly requesting all parents/carers to complete and return the attached consent form to update their child's records.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep all our pupils safe.

Yours sincerely,

J Bruce

Mrs J Bruce
Business Manager

